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DIVERSIFICATION OF JUTE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restructure the external market assistance scheme for export of diversified jute products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the regulations of World Trade Organisation allows continuation of such schemes; and

(d) if not, the measures proposed by the Government to assist jute growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)
(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to restructure the External Market Assistance(EMA) scheme for export of diversified jute products. For this purpose, a study on the operation of the EMA scheme has been undertaken, based on which a new policy shall be formulated w.e.f. 01.04.2000.

(c) No restrictions on EMA under World Trade Organisation regulations had been received so far.

(d) The Government has taken following steps to help the farmers increase the production and yield of jute.

(i) Various research institutions like CRIJAF, NIRJAFT have given thrust on high yielding varities and multiplication of seeds to improve the yield of the fibre.

(ii) For improving the quality of raw jute, better retting tank facilities are being provided in various jute growing states, to the farmers.